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In re Patent No. 6,206,695  
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Application No. 09/225,879  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed September 5, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.378(c)<sup>1</sup>, to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on March 27, 2001. The first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from March 29, 2004 to September 27, 2004 or, with a surcharge during the period from September 28, 2004 to March 27, 2005. Accordingly, this patent expired on March 27, 2005 for failure to timely remit the maintenance fee.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$450.00 for the first maintenance fee and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge have been applied. Note, the maintenance fee is \$450.00 and not \$455.00 as indicated on the issue fee transmittal.

Additionally, while it is acknowledged that the petitioner is a co-inventor and a registered attorney, the address of record is that of co-inventor Nelson J. Wong and the fee address is that of Haynes and Boone LLP. Furthermore, the petition is not signed by both inventors and the decision is only being sent to petitioner because he is a registered attorney. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this patent, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. If the new power of attorney and/or change of address is signed by an assignee, the assignee must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b). This decision will be mailed to petitioner, however, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the correspondence address of record. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed concerning this patent, a Fee Address should be submitted to Maintenance Fee Division.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.